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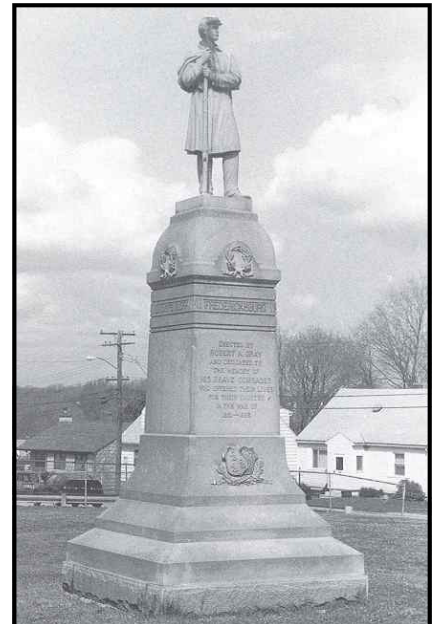
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Civil War 150th Anniversary Exhibit: Opening and Programs

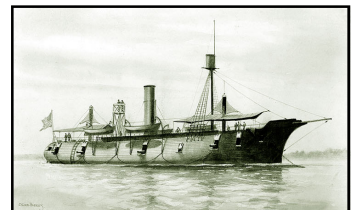
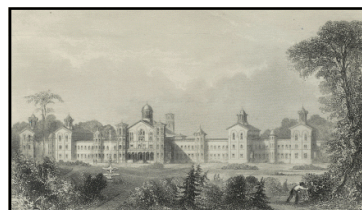
A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on **Monday, August 12, at 7 p.m.** celebrating the opening of the *Civil War 150* exhibit at the Groton Public Library. The Library is one of 50 organizations in the United States, and the only one in Connecticut, to be selected to host the touring exhibition and program series. The exhibit is provided by and the programs funded with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Library of America. For a list of programs, please see page 3.

The exhibit, composed of five panels representing five stages of the Civil War, will be at the Library for a three week period, **August 12 through September 2.**



Jim Streeter, Groton Town Historian, will give a presentation on Robert Gray, a resident of the town of Groton who was presented the Medal of Honor for his bravery as a soldier in the Union army. Mayor Heather Bond Somers will cut the ribbon to officially open the exhibit and will read a proclamation commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

Cake and refreshments will be served.



LIBRARY HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9 - 9; Friday 9 - 5:30; Saturday 9 - 5; Sunday (Sept - May) 1 - 5

Library Book Club



The Book Club will join the One Book, One Region book discussion to talk about *Little Princes* by Conor Grennan on **Tuesday, August 6, at 7 p.m.** Susan Topping, Instructor of Humanities at Three Rivers Community College, will lead our discussion of *Little Princes*, a memoir exploring

Grennan’s experiences as a twenty-nine-year-old volunteer in an orphanage in civil war–torn Nepal. When he learned that the children in the home were not orphans, but were in fact trafficked, he moved to Kathmandu and started Next Generation Nepal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reconnecting trafficked children with their families.

The book discussion is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary; just read the book and join us for an informal discussion. If you need a copy of the book, please inquire at the Information Desk. If you would like more information, contact Barbara Clark-Greene at 860-441-6750.

Movies in August

Monday Matinee

Bridesmaids

Monday, August 12, at 2 p.m.

Starring Rose Byrne, Kristen Wiig and Maya Rudolph. This film is rated R and runs for 125 minutes. Annie is a maid of honor whose life unravels as she leads her best friend, Lillian, and a group of colorful bridesmaids on a wild ride down the road to matrimony. Annie’s life is a mess. But when she finds out her lifetime best friend is engaged, she simply must serve as Lillian’s maid of honor. Though lovelorn and broke, Annie bluffs her way through the expensive and bizarre rituals. With one chance to get it perfect, she’ll show Lillian and her bridesmaids just how far you’ll go for someone you love.

Classic Cinema

The Maltese Falcon

Tuesday, August 13, at 2 p.m.

Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor and Peter Lorre star in this classic detective film. The film is not rated and runs for 101 minutes.

All movies are free and open to the public.
Reservations are not required.

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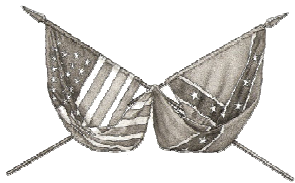
Linda Wallace,
Head of Circulation
Division, Retires

Just what is the Circulation Division anyhow? In “library speak,” this is the division that checks out books, DVDs, CDs, books on CD, museum passes and more to the public and checks them back in when they are returned to the library. Additionally, the department handles bills, fines, room bookings, inventory and shelving. The “Circulation” staff members also field many questions and take the heat for overdue books, bills and other customer service issues.

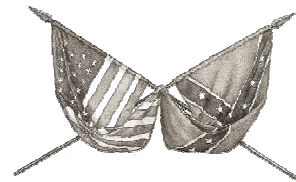
Fortunately, Linda Wallace, who is the Head of Circulation at the Library, is a pretty cool cucumber! Linda is calm, steady, and almost always manages to find a solution to some thorny library issues. She is our “go to” person when we can’t figure out why the self-check out machines don’t work or why the copier is stuck. She also works with customers to make sure they can check out library materials if their card has expired or when there are other extenuating circumstances that may put a customer in library jeopardy. Suffice it to say, she makes everyone’s life at the library easier—including the library staff. Linda also started our *Monday Movie* and *Classic Cinema* series and has contributed to several other programming efforts at the library, such as our community summer art exhibit.

Linda will retire after many years of working in libraries. Linda became interested in libraries while working as a library assistant in a high school library. She had a previous college degree in business and at one time considered going into computer programming. After completing her master’s degree in library science from Southern Connecticut State University, she became the Director of the Jonathan Trumbull Library in Lebanon, Connecticut. Linda worked there for twelve years before coming to the Groton Public Library as Head of Circulation.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Linda. She is one of the kindest people on this planet! However, Linda hopes to continue working on Sundays. In her spare time she plans to learn to play the ukulele and spend more time with her husband who also recently retired.



Civil War 150th Anniversary Programs at the Groton Public Library



Freemen for Fremont: Music of the Civil War Era with Rick Spencer

Tuesday, August 13, at 7 p.m.

In 1856 the "Freeman's Glee Book" was published to promote the Presidential aspirations of John C. Fremont, the first man to receive the nomination from the young Republican Party. This musical program promotes an understanding of the United States on the brink of Civil War.

Rick Spencer has been in the historical performance industry for over 25 years. He worked for 20 years as a researcher, historian and presenter of traditional maritime songs and sea chanteys at Mystic Seaport and has performed widely in the US, Canada and Europe.

Connecticut, the Civil War & the Sea with Glenn S. Gordinier

Wednesday, August 14, at 7 p.m.

Although Connecticut was never the seat of conflict during the Civil War, the state was very much involved in the effort to preserve the Union. This program will examine how the shipyards, the shipping and the sailors of the Nutmeg State supported the cause on the maritime front lines.

Dr. Glenn S. Gordinier, of Stonington, CT, is the Senior Historian at Mystic Seaport where he teaches for the Williams College Maritime Studies Program. Specializing in maritime history, he is also on the faculty of the University of Connecticut at Avery Point.

Myth, Maggots, Minie Balls, Gangrene and Glory: A Civil War Medical Program with Carolyn Ivanoff

Wednesday, August 21, at 7 p.m.

The program will provide an overview of battlefield medicine, highlight practices that saved lives and dispel the myths that Civil War surgeons were butchers.

Carolyn Ivanoff is an assistant principal at Shelton Intermediate School. Carolyn was named Civil War Preservationist Teacher of the Year in 2003. She develops, authors and presents a variety of educational and professional development programs for schools and organizations.

Civil War Soldiers of Color from Southeastern New England with David Naumec

Thursday, August 22, at 7 p.m.

Naumec will discuss how race and identity lines became increasingly blurred in the 19th century and the issues that impacted Lincoln's decision to allow black soldiers to fight for the Union. Naumec will speak about local people of color who participated in the war.

David Naumec is a consultant at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, serves as an adjunct history instructor in the Connecticut Community College system and is a doctoral student at Clark University.

For the Sake of the Country: Women Spies during the Civil War with Matthew Bartlett

Wednesday, August 28, at 7 p.m.

When you think of spies, you probably think of men first, but women played an important role in the American Civil War as spies. Their stories are so remarkable, you'd think it was fiction! Civil War author Matthew Bartlett will tell the stories of four women who were trailblazers in the field of espionage.

Matthew Bartlett is a graduate of the American Military University with a master's degree in military history with a specialization in Civil War studies.

"Soldier's Heart": A Study of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in the American Civil War

with Matthew Warshauer

Thursday, August 29, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Warshauer, working with a group of graduate students, has been engaged in the study of PTSD among Connecticut Civil War soldiers. In the course of their research they have identified well over 100 soldiers. The historical context of PTSD, what has been learned and how Dr. Warshauer went about getting access to the Connecticut Valley Hospital records will be the focus of his discussion.

Dr. Matthew Warshauer is a Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University. The author of three books, he is a specialist on 19th century political and constitutional history. Dr. Warshauer currently serves as co-chair of the Connecticut Civil War Commemoration Commission.



August in teenscape



Wednesday Open Wii Gaming

From 3-5 p.m.

Break out your Wii skills. Bring along your “E” (for everyone) games or play ours.



Who Do You Think You Are?

Thursday, August 1, at 2 p.m.

Have fun analyzing the “true” you through numerology, astrology

Talent Show

Friday, August 2, at 2 p.m.

Show off one of your many talents during our talent show.

All ages, registration suggested.



T.A.G. (Teen Activity Group)

Saturdays, August 10, 17, 24 and 31, at 3 p.m.

Join us as we discuss future programming and ways to make **teenscape** better!

**Refreshments will be provided.*

Anime Club

Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m.



Join with other fans of Japanese culture. Gaming, drawing, cosplay. This month's meeting will be held in **teenscape**. We will break out the Wii and *Just Dance*!

Groton Parks and Recreation will offer a
VIDEO GAME MAKING CAMP
in the Library's PC Learning Center

**August 19 – 22, from 9 a.m.– 12 p.m.,
for ages 9-13.**

Space is limited!

Cost is \$146 for Groton resident.

\$166 for Nonresident.

Register online at grotonrec.com

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Looking for Some Good Reads to End your Summer?



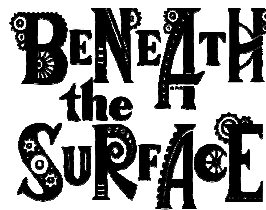
The American Library Association is looking for your input to choose the Top Ten Young Adult Reads. The Association has compiled a list of nominated titles and is asking you to read as many as you can and **vote for your favorite book between August 15 and September 15.**

The top ten vote getters will be announced during Teen Read Week, October 13 – 19. Titles will be on display in teenscape and can be found at:

<http://www.ala.org/teenstopten/>

Summer Reading Finale and Volunteer Recognition

**Tuesday, August 13,
at 6:30 p.m.**



The Library invites all participants in our summer reading program, *Beneath the Surface*, to this end of our summer reading program. Join us to make your own sundaes and have fun! All teens who registered and participated in the program will receive a free paperback.

Strategy Games Club

**Tuesdays, August 6 & August 20,
at 7 p.m.**



The Strategy Games Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month—once to feature a game and once as a casual bring-your-own-game-and-play.

For more information, please contact Sam Royce at spilers@sbcglobal.net. Teens & adults are welcome.



August in the Children's Room



*Funding for Programs provided in part by the Groton Public Library's Circle of Friends.

Summer Storytime



Books by the Banner*

Thursday, August 1,
from 10 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Join Miss Tracy at Poquonnock Plains
Park for an outdoor storytime. Program

will feature stories, songs and playtime. All ages. No
registration required. **In the event of rain, program will be
canceled.*

Summer Fun Friday

Talent Show

Friday, August 2, at 2 p.m.

Show off one of your many talents
during our talent show. All ages;
registration suggested.



LEGO™@ the Library

Friday, August 9, from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For all ages - Bring your imagination and build something
fun! No registration is necessary, just drop in and start building.

*All supplies will be provided, but donations
of LEGOs™ are always appreciated.*

End of Summer Reading Party



Refreshments
provided!

Dinoman

Saturday, August 3, at 10 a.m.

Dinosaurs at the Library? Have no fear! DinoMan is
here! With his trusty raccoon Reflex*, he takes the
audience on a magical ride through the Mesozoic
Era. This high energy show features fun, incredible
props, and life-size dinosaurs! **All ages.** Arrive early,
seating is limited. **Reflex is NOT a real raccoon**

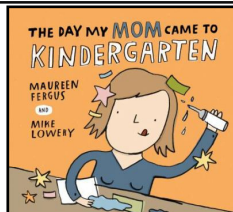
Dig Into READING

*Program was made
possible by the Circle of Friends.
The refreshments provided by
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Back to School Reading Suggestions

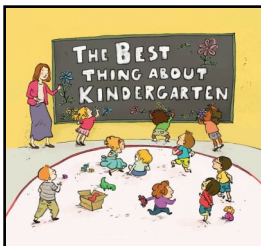
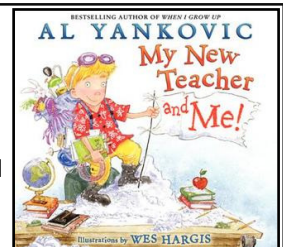
The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten

by Maureen Fergus Ages 5-6
A kindergartener invites her mom
to class and discovers there are
some things kids are better at
than parents.



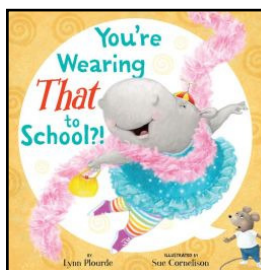
My New Teacher and Me!

by Al Yankovic Ages 4-8.
The New York Times bestselling team
of pop icon "Weird Al" Yankovic and
Wes Hargis returns in a back-to-school
tale that celebrates imagination and
individuality in dazzling wordplay.



The Best Thing about Kindergarten

by Jennifer Lloyd Ages 5-6
It's the last day of the school
year, and Ms. Appleby asks her
students, "What is the best thing
about school?"

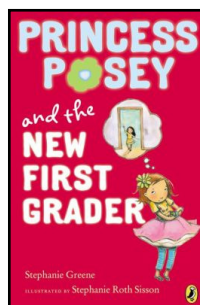


You're Wearing THAT to School?!

by Lynne Plourde Ages 4 to 8
Penelope is so excited about the first
day of school that she's doing her
happy hippo dance. Her best pal Tiny,
who started school last year, has a few
tips for Penelope about fitting in
without sticking out.

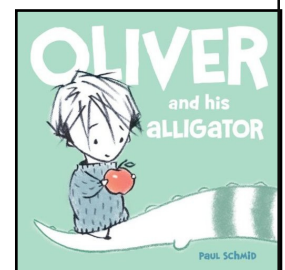
Princess Posey and the New First Grader

by Stephanie Greene Ages 5-8
Posey and her best friends, Nikki and
Ava, do everything together. Then,
new girl Grace joins Miss Lee's first
grade class, and Posey worries that
everything will change.



Oliver and his Alligator

by Paul Schmid Ages 3 to 5
Paul Schmid's gentle, funny tale about
overcoming first day of school jitters.



Public Computer Learning Center

August 2013 Computer Classes!

Bring a friend and join a class today!

Please call the Library at 860-441-6750 to register for a class!

Open Computer Time for Practice & Projects:

Monday - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Reservations are not required for open times.

Lab will be closed Monday, August 19 - Thursday, August 22.

Open Lab Plus!

**Saturdays, August 10, 17, 24 and 31,
from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Hands-on individual instruction on topics such as email; web searching; resumes; completing applications for job or school; research projects; locating library and web resources. Have a laptop? We have tables, chairs, wireless internet, and help if you need it!

Lab will be closed Saturday, August 3.

Social Media FAQs

Thursday, August 8, at 10:30 a.m.

Do you have a Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn account? Do you need help navigating the site? Do you have any questions regarding privacy settings? Bring your frequently asked social media questions so we can get them answered for you in this hands-on environment.

**Basic familiarity with computers & the Internet is necessary for this class.*

Beginning Computers (2 part series)

Monday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m.

In this fun, hands-on course (2 parts) you will learn all the basic computer skills including using the mouse and keyboard, working in Microsoft Windows, basic understanding of the Internet and Email. This course is ideal for someone who has some experience with the computer but wants to know more.

Build a Resume

Thursday, August 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Have you been meaning to update your resume from a few years ago? Perhaps you need to start from scratch? In this class we will discuss how to organize a resume, what information to include and how to get it noticed by potential employers.

**Basic familiarity with computers & Microsoft Office is necessary for this class.*

2nd Groton Public Schools – GPL Book Discussion Series Begins in September.

The Groton Public Schools and Groton Public Library are partnering on a second series of book discussions for parents and community members featuring titles suggested by Groton educators. Whether it's a discussion of the psychology of success, "putting students first," developing a deeper understanding of the "boy adrift" or having a conversation about "keeping black boys out of special education," these titles were chosen to cultivate mutual understanding of current issues in public education. All of the discussions are moderated by Groton school administrators. The series begins on **September 19, at 7 p.m.** with a discussion of the 2013 "one book," *Little Princes* by Conor Grennan.

A limited number of copies of the books are available to be checked out at the Library. Attendees with a valid library card will also have the opportunity to borrow a Kindle loaded with the titles.

Join us for Demo-Days at the Library

We would like to introduce you to some spectacular, **FREE**, online services provided to you by Groton Public Library. No need to register!

Learning Express

Wednesday, August 7, at 12 p.m.

Online practice tests, skills-building for math, reading, and writing and career development tools.

Overdrive

Wednesday, August 28, at 12 p.m.

Learn about the Library's subscription to *OverDrive*, free software that allows you to download audiobooks and eBooks on a Kindle, iPad, or Nook.

New York Times Historical (1851-2008)

Thursday, August 22, at 3 p.m.

Searchable full-text articles and page images from The *New York Times* archive with index covering 1851-1993.

Check out BookNews on our web site at www.grotonpl.org

Sign up to receive monthly newsletters with reviews, descriptions and author commentaries.



**The Library will be closed
on September 1 and 2.**